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SUBJECT: COSTA RICAN SUGAR EXPORTS TO U.S. AND GSP

REFERENCE: SAN JOSE 39

1. REFTTEL REQUESTED CONFIRMATION OF 1974 VALUE OF COSTA RICAN SUGAR EXPORTS TO U.S. AND EXPLANATION OF VALUE COMPUTATION. AS NOTED IN COMPUTER PRINTOUT SENT TO POST, U.S. IMPORTS OF COSTA RICAN SUGAR (TSUS 155.20) IN 1974 TOTALED 32,585,478 DOLLARS. VALUATION OF IMPORTS BY CUSTOMS IS ON F.O.B. BASIS. FURTHERMORE, VALUATION OF SUGAR IMPORTS DURING 1974 WAS CALCULATED ON EITHER  
A) PREVAILING PRICE AT TIME OF SHIPMENT FROM EXPORTING COUNTRY;  
B) CONTRACT PRICE AS STATED ON INVOICE IF CONTRACT NOT BETWEEN IMPORTER AND AN AFFILIATE OR SUBSIDIARY OF IMPORTER; OR  
C) CONSTRUCTED "ARMS LENGTH" PRICE IF CONTRACT WAS BETWEEN IMPORTER AND AFFILIATE OR SUBSIDIARY OF IMPORTER.

2. SPOT CHECK OF DOCUMENTATION OF U.S. SUGAR IMPORTS

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FROM COSTA RICA THROUGH PORT OF NEW ORLEANS INDICATES

THAT CUSTOMS VALUATION BASED ON F.O.B. VALUE AS STATED ON  
EXPORTER'S INVOICE.

3. DEPARTMENT CANNOT ASCERTAIN ANY FIRM EXPLANATION FOR  
DISCREPANCY NOTED IN REFTEL. HOWEVER, SOME DISCREPANCY  
COULD BE ATTRIBUTABLE TO COMPUTATION OF LATE 1974 COSTA  
RICAN SHIPMENTS AS PART OF 1974 TOTALS BY GOCR WHILE U.S.  
CUSTOMS WOULD INCLUDE THEM IN TOTALS FOR 1975, YEAR IN  
WHICH SHIPMENTS ACTUALLY ENTERED U.S. FYI: OTHER  
SOURCE OF DISCREPANCY MIGHT OCCUR FROM UNDERINVOICING IN  
DOCUMENTS SUBMITTED TO CENTRAL BANK BY EXPORTERS.  
EXISTENCE OF EXPORT TAX WOULD BE INCENTIVE FOR SUCH  
UNDERINVOICING. END FYI. KISSINGER

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